

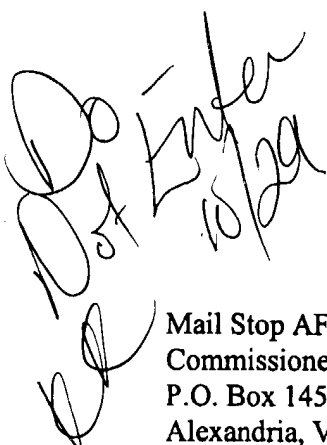
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert Terkeltaub et al.
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For : METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DIAGNOSING AND
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BONE MASS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the final Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on February 25, 2004, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on August 25, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.